

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 6 through page 2, line 28 as set forth below:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This patent application is related to co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. ~~10/003,501~~; ~~Attorney Docket No. 10014010-1~~, entitled "METHOD AND COMPUTER READABLE MEDIUM FOR SUPPRESSING EXECUTION OF SIGNATURE FILE DIRECTIVES DURING A NETWORK EXPLOIT"; U.S. Patent Application No. ~~10/001,431~~; ~~Attorney Docket No. 10016933-1~~, entitled "SYSTEM AND METHOD OF DEFINING THE SECURITY CONDITION OF A COMPUTER SYSTEM"; U.S. Patent Application No. ~~10/001,410~~; ~~Attorney Docket No. 10017028-1~~, entitled "SYSTEM AND METHOD OF DEFINING THE SECURITY VULNERABILITIES OF A COMPUTER SYSTEM"; U.S. Patent Application No. ~~10/002,695~~; ~~Attorney Docket No. 10017029-1~~, entitled "SYSTEM AND METHOD OF DEFINING UNAUTHORIZED INTRUSIONS ON A COMPUTER SYSTEM"; U.S. Patent Application No. ~~10/002,423~~; ~~Attorney Docket No. 10017055-1~~, entitled "NETWORK INTRUSION DETECTION SYSTEM AND METHOD"; U.S. Patent Application No. ~~10/001,445~~; ~~Attorney Docket No. 10016861-1~~, entitled "NODE, METHOD AND COMPUTER READABLE MEDIUM FOR INSERTING AN INTRUSION PREVENTION SYSTEM INTO A NETWORK STACK"; U.S. Patent Application No. ~~10/003,815~~; ~~Attorney Docket No. 10016862-1~~, entitled "METHOD, COMPUTER-READABLE MEDIUM, AND NODE FOR DETECTING EXPLOITS BASED ON AN INBOUND SIGNATURE OF THE EXPLOIT AND AN OUTBOUND SIGNATURE IN RESPONSE THERETO"; U.S. Patent Application No. ~~10/001,446~~; ~~Attorney Docket No. 10016591-1~~, entitled "NETWORK, METHOD AND COMPUTER READABLE MEDIUM FOR DISTRIBUTED SECURITY UPDATES TO SELECT NODES ON A NETWORK"; U.S. Patent Application No. ~~10/003,747~~; ~~Attorney Docket No. 10014006-1~~, entitled "METHOD, COMPUTER READABLE MEDIUM, AND NODE FOR A THREE-LAYERED INTRUSION PREVENTION SYSTEM FOR DETECTING NETWORK EXPLOITS"; U.S. Patent Application No. ~~10/002,072~~; ~~Attorney Docket No. 10016864-1~~, entitled "SYSTEM AND METHOD OF AN OS-INTEGRATED INTRUSION DETECTION

AND ANTI-VIRUS SYSTEM"; U.S. Patent Application No. ~~10/002,697~~, ~~Attorney Docket No. 10002019-1~~, entitled "METHOD, NODE AND COMPUTER READABLE MEDIUM FOR IDENTIFYING DATA IN A NETWORK EXPLOIT"; U.S. Patent Application No. ~~10/003,820~~, ~~Attorney Docket No. 10017334-1~~, entitled "NODE, METHOD AND COMPUTER READABLE MEDIUM FOR OPTIMIZING PERFORMANCE OF SIGNATURE RULE MATCHING IN A NETWORK"; U.S. Patent Application No. ~~10/003,819~~, ~~Attorney Docket No. 10017333-1~~, entitled "METHOD, NODE AND COMPUTER READABLE MEDIUM FOR PERFORMING MULTIPLE SIGNATURE MATCHING IN AN INTRUSION PREVENTION SYSTEM"; U.S. Patent Application No. ~~10/001,728~~, ~~Attorney Docket No. 10017270-1~~, entitled "NODE AND MOBILE DEVICE FOR A MOBILE TELECOMMUNICATIONS NETWORK PROVIDING INTRUSION DETECTION"; U.S. Patent Application No. ~~10/003,510~~, ~~Attorney Docket No. 10017331-1~~, entitled "METHOD AND COMPUTER-READABLE MEDIUM FOR INTEGRATING A DECODE ENGINE WITH AN INTRUSION DETECTION SYSTEM"; U.S. Patent Application No. ~~10/002,064~~, ~~Attorney Docket No. 10017328-1~~, entitled "SYSTEM AND METHOD OF GRAPHICALLY DISPLAYING DATA FOR AN INTRUSION PROTECTION SYSTEM"; and U.S. Patent Application No. ~~10/001,350~~, ~~Attorney Docket No. 10017303-1~~, entitled "SYSTEM AND METHOD OF GRAPHICALLY CORRELATING DATA FOR AN INTRUSION PROTECTION SYSTEM".